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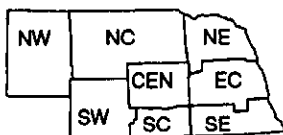
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WEATHER

Temperatures in the east and central portions of the State averaged near normals while the northwest, north central and southwest sections averaged from seven to fifteen degrees above normals. Precipitation varied from a tenth of an inch in the east up to a half inch in the northwest.

GENERAL

The main activities of Nebraska farmers and ranchers this past week, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service, included calving and lambing, planting equipment readiness activities, very limited fieldwork, and monitoring and working with farm-stored grain. Farm-stored grain, in many instances, continued to carry excess moisture. Aeration fans continued in operation with some out-of-condition grain being moved. The recent flooding along creeks and rivers has left eroded land and flood debris in its wake. Warm, drying weather would be welcomed.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition was rated at 17% fair, 67% good, and 16% excellent. Wheat has begun to green up with a few producers applying fertilizer. Winter kill has appeared to be low according to reports to date.

Harvest of last fall's unharvested corn made some progress during this past month. Concerns remain about ear spoilage in the field as well as possible difficulties with overlapping the planting timetable for 1993 corn.

Oat planting made a very limited start in the southern districts. Most planting activity has centered around preparations for planting.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at 96% of normal and compares with 89% of normal last year at this time. Weather conditions this past week improved calving conditions and calving success. Previous cold, wet, stressful weather conditions caused greater-than-normal death losses due to pneumonia and scours. Spring calving progress was moving along well at 56% complete. Feedlots continued very muddy.

WINTER REPORTING AS OF MARCH 28, 1993	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST REPORT	LAST YEAR
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE			
P e r c e n t											
Cows Calved since January 1	68	52	32	53	47	69	65	59	56	20	63
SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF MARCH 26, 1993											
Topsoil Moisture - Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	4
- Adequate	92	70	31	33	20	60	37	17	40	n/a	89
- Surplus	8	30	69	67	80	40	63	83	60	n/a	7
Subsoil Moisture - Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	20
- Adequate	100	90	69	67	64	90	81	78	77	n/a	75
- Surplus	0	10	31	33	36	10	19	22	23	n/a	5

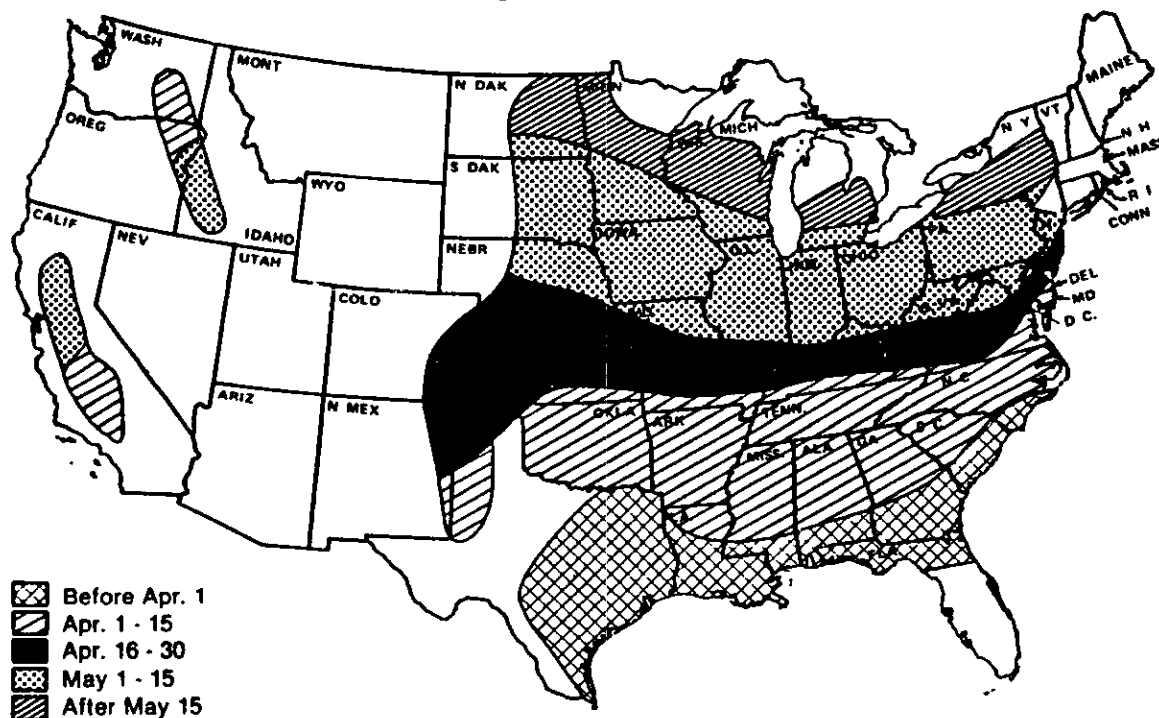
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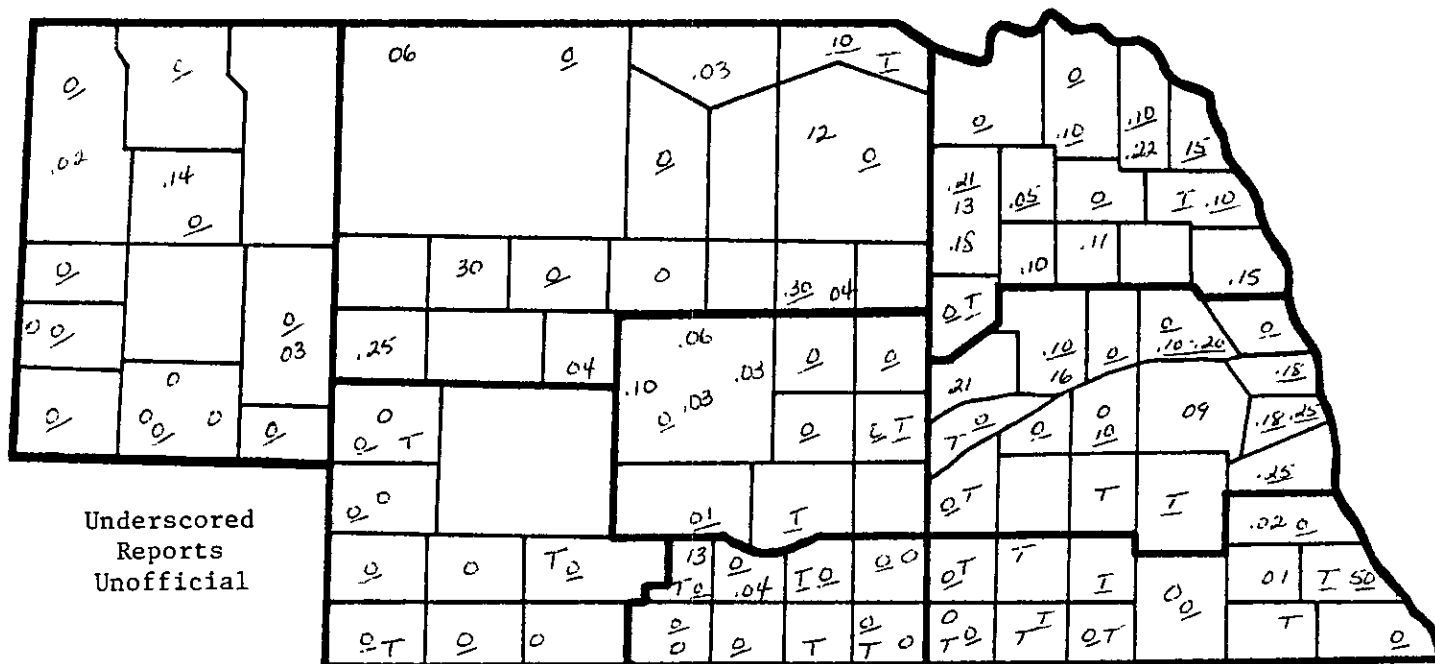
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1993



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 1993

Station		Temperature			Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Total Inches
		Max	Min		
NW	Chadron	80	27	52	.56
	Scottsbluff	76	27	51	.44
	Sidney	76	26	51	0
NC	Valentine	85	22	52	.04
NE	Norfolk	68	26	41	.25
	Sioux City	66	30	42	.09
CEN	Grand Island	67	24	43	.19
	Ord	71	23	46	0
EC	Lincoln	71	22	42	.12
	Omaha	68	30	43	.06
SW	Imperial	---	---	---	---
	North Platte	71	22	47	.16